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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRC FOREIGN POLICY BACKGROUNDER

1. GERD RUGE, PEKING CORRESPONDENT FOR DIE WELT, HAS SHOWN US ENGLISH VERSION OF AN ARTICLE HE DID FOR DIE WELT WHICH NEW YORK TIMES PLANS TO CARRY IN ITS SUNDAY EDITION. ARTICLE CONSISTS OF A TOUR D'HORIZON OF PRC FOREIGN POLICY AND, ACCORDING TO RUGE, WAS BASED ON A LENGTHY BACKGROUND BRIEFING BY A "VERY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE PRC". RUGE DECLINED TO NAME THE OFFICIAL, SAYING HE WAS PLEDGED TO SECRECY, BUT HE SAID IT WAS NOT ONE OF THE USUAL WORKING LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN A SUBSEQUENT REMARK HE ELIMINATED VICE FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA AS A POSSIBILITY, AND WE WOULD GUESS THAT IT WAS PROBABLY EITHER TENG HSIAO-PING OR LI HSIEN-NIEN.

2. RUGE REPORT CONTAINS MOSTLY STANDARD PRC FOREIGN POLICY THEMES ON SOVIET THREAT, THIRD WORLD ETC., BUT IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTEWORTHY FOR POSITIVE TONE IN DISCUSSING SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

CHINESE REPORTEDLY CONSIDER RELATIONS "SATISFACTORY" AND TAKE
REALISTIC VIEW OF POST-HONEYMOON PERIOD. SPECULATION THAT
U.S. - PRC RELATIONS ARE SLIPPING IS SPECIFICALLY
DENIED.
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